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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ASEC, PINS, CASC, SOCI, CO
SUBJECT: KIDNAPPING OF AMCIT GUSTAVIO CURTIS SITREP 29

1. ON FRIDAY, MARCH 18, CONTROL RISKS NEGOTIATOR, ARISH
TURLE, WHO HAS REPLACED SMITH AND ADAMS-DALE FOR THE TIME BEING,
CALLED ON RSO AND ADVISED THE FOLLOWING:

2. KIDNAPPERS CALLED FRIDAY AND REDUCED THEIR DEMAND FROM 3
MILLION DOLLARS TO 2 MILLION DOLLARS. THE NEGOTIATOR
RESPONDED BY RAISING COMPANY OFFER FROM 4-1/2 MILLION PESOS
TO 6-1/2 MILLION PESOS (EQUALS 178,000 DOLLARS). KIDNAPPER
STATED AMOUNT IS UNREALISTIC AND THAT KIDNAPPERS EXPECT 3 TO
4 TIMES THAT AMOUNT. TURLE FOUND CONVERSATION INTERESTING
BECAUSE KIDNAPPERS APPEARED TO BE POINTING TO A CERTAIN
FIGURE AND ALSO INDICATED PERHAPS A WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT
PESOS IN LIEU OF DOLLARS. KIDNAPPERS WENT ON TO SAY CURTIS
IS SICK AND IN NEED OF MEDICAL ATTENTION AND FURTHER ADVISED
THEY WOULD CALL BACK MONDAY, MARCH 21.

3. RE: LAST LETTER SENT BY CURTIS TO HIS WIFE (REPORTED
BOGOTA 2155 SITREP 27), MRS. CURTIS BELIEVES TONE AND
CONTENT OF LETTER INDICATE CURTIS IS PHYSICALLY AND EMOTIONALLY
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WELL. CONTROL RISKS HAD A GRAPHOLOGIST IN LONDON ANALYZE LETTER.
GRAPHOLOGIST INDICATED 2-PAGE LETTER WRITTEN WITH TWO DIFFERENT
PENS AND ON TWO DIFFERENT SHEETS OF PAPER. GRAPHOLOGIST ALSO
STATED, ALTHOUGH SOMEWHAT UNCLEAR TO NEGOTIATOR, THAT
HANDWRITING IS CURTIS' BUT APPEARS TO BE ATTEMPT TO DISGUISE
HIS NORMAL STYLE. THIS HAS LEAD NEGOTIATOR TO BELIEVE LETTER
CONTAINS SOME TYPE OF CODE BUT MEANING UNKNOWN AT THIS TIME.

4. NEGOTIATOR ALSO ADVISED MRS. CURTIS LEAVING BOGOTA TODAY
FOR CHICAGO TO SEE IF COMPANY OFFICIALS CAN SPEED UP
NEGOTIATIONS.
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